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SUBJECT: ESCAP/ECWA REGIONAL MEETING OF UN HABITAT

REF: A) STATE 143347, B) TEHRAN 5787, C) STATE 142524

1. AS REQUESTED BY CHAIRMAN PREVIOUS EVENING, USDEL
INFORMED HIM BEFORE OPENING OF SESSION 19 JUNE THAT USG HAD
TAKEN DECISION TO REQUEST VOTE ON INCLUSION OF RECOMMEN-
DATIONS CITED PARA 6 REFTER B. RAPPORTEUR (FROM JORDAN)
THERUPON ANNOUNCED AT BEGINNING OF SESSION THAT IN-
CLUSION OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS IN DRAFT REPORT OF
CONFERENCE HAD BEEN MISTAKE MADE BY HIS OFFICE AND
THEY WERE NOT UNDER CONSIDERATION. IRANDEL MADE
STATEMENT THAT IT FULLY SUPPORTED ALL RECOMMENDATIONS
BEFORE THE BODY BUT OPPOSED ANY THAT WOULD BE OF
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POLITICAL CHARACTER. THEN IRAQDEL INTRODUCED ORIGINAL PLO
RECOMMENDATIONS IN FOLLOWING FORM: QUOTE: THE CONFERENCE
DENOUNCES ALL FORMS OF INVOLUNTARY MIGRATION OF ANY PEOPLE,
IN TOTO OR IN PART; ANY FORM OF CONFISCATION OF LAND BY AN

OCCUPYING POWER, WITH THE AIM OF DOSPLACING ITS INDIGENOUS OCCUPANTS; AND DEMOLITION OF HOUSES OR PROPERTY AS A FORM OF COLLECTIVE OR INDIVIDUAL PUNISHMENT. THE CONFERENCE ALSO EMPHASIZES THAT THE JUST SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF THE HOMELESS PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IS THROUGH THEIR REPATRIATION TO THEIR HOMELAND, WHICH IS ESSENTIAL AND IMPERATIVE FOR THE SOLUTION OF MOST OF THE HUMAN SETTLEMENT PROBLEMS IN OUR REGION, AND FOR QORLD PEACE. THE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS (A) TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THIS CONFERENCE, IN COOP-ERATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ECWA, TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE HUMAN SETTLEMENT ISSUES OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE(HABITAT);(B) TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO TEH SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE THE EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL, WHICH HAD ALWAYS ACTED CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF HABITAT, BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INVOULUNTARY MIGRATION OF 2 MILLION PALESTINIAN ARABS, THE DESTRUCTION OF THOUSANDS OF HOUSES AND VILLAGES AND PREVENTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE FROM EXERCISING THEIR NATURAL RIGHTS OF SETTLING IN THEIR HOMELAND AND LIVING IN PEACE AND HARMONY WITH ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD. UNQUOTE. BANLADESH SECONDED IRAQDEL MOTION.

2. AT THIS POINT USDEL INTERVENED AND DELIVERED PREPARED STATEMENT IN PARA 5 REFTEL C. JORDAN SPOKE STRONGLY FOR IRAQI MOTION AND AUSTRALIA ESSENTIALLY MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:(A) IT WAS SYMPATHETIC WITH PLIGHT OF DISPLACED PERSONS, (B) THAT, HOWEVER, IRAQI MOTION TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL FROM VANCOUVER WAS NOT WITHIN THE COMPETANCE OF THIS CON-FERENCE, AND(C) THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS CANNOT BE FURTHERED BY EXCLUSION OF UN MEMBERS FROM VANCOUVER. AS IT WAS OBVIOUS THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS, CHAIRMAN DECIDED TO PUT MATTER TO VOTE. UKDEL REQUESTED THAT SEPARATE PARTS OF IRAQI MOTION BE PUT TO VOTE SEPARATELY ACCORDING TO UN RULES OF PROCEDURE BUT AFTER ENTANGLED PARLIAMENTARY DISCUSSION IT WAS DECIDED THAT MEMBERS SHOULD FIRST VOTE ON IRAQI MOTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS A WHOLE. MOTION WAS CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE(FOR-16, AGAINST-5, ABSTENTIONS-5) IN WHICH AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, THE NETHERLANDS, UK, AND US VOTED AGAINST AND FRANCE, IRAN, MALAYSIA, PHILLIPINES, AND THAILAND ABSTAINED. WHEN UKDEL THEN REQUESTED VOTE ON SEPARATE PARTS OF IRAQI MOTION, IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT MEMBERS COULD NOT IN LOGIC NOW VOTE ON PARTS OF A MOTION THAT HAD BEEN CARRIED. DILEMMA WAS SOLVED BY ALLOWING MEMBERS WHO VOTED AGAINST OR WHO AB-STAINED TO TAKE FLOOR AND INDICATE HOW THEY WOULD HAVE VOTED IF ALLOWED TO VOTE ON SEPARATE PARTS SEPARATELY. MOST WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED ON PART I OF IRAQI MOTION. UKDEL THEN MOVED AND USDEL SECONDED THAT THESE OBSERVATIONS

BE RECORDED.

3. WHEN DISCUSSION OF ALL RECOMMENDATIONS WAS FINISHED, USDEL ASKED ON A POINT OF ORDER WHETHER THESE RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING THE IRAQI ONES) WERE TO BE APPROVED IN A BLOCK AT THIS STAGE. THE CHAIR REPLIED THAT APPROVAL WOULD BE CALLED FOR LATER WHEN THE ENTIRE REPORT INCLUDING SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS HAD BEEN CONSIDERED. HOWEVER, WHEN IT BECAME OBVIOUS THAT ENTIRE REPORT WAS GOING TO BE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS, USDEL IN NOTE TO CHAIRMAN POINTED OUT THAT THERE COULD BE NO APPROVAL BY CONSENSUS OF A DOCUMENT IN WHICH NOT ALL OF THE PARTS HAD BEEN APPROVED BY MEMBERS AND REQUESTED AN OPPORTUNITY TO CALL FOR A VOTE ON APPROVAL OF THE REPORT AS A WHOLE. THE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT A MEMBER HAD REQUESTED A VOTE FOR THE REASONS STATED ABOVE AND DISALLOWED THE REQUEST ON THE GROUNDS THAT POSITIONS WERE WELL KNOWN ON THE DISPUTED RECOMMENDATIONS AND NO PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY HAVING ANOTHER VOTE. WHEN AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION REQUESTED MENTION IN THE LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL TO THE UN SYG THAT PART OF REPORT HAD NOT BEEN AGREED TO, THIS TOO WAS DISALLOWED. HABITAT SYG DID STATE THAT IN HIS PERSONAL REPORT TO THE UN SYG AMPLE DETAILS CONCERNING HOW THE CONFERENCE REPORT HAD BEEN ARRIVED AT AND WHAT TRANSPIRED AT REGIONAL CONFERENCE WOULD BE FULLY REORTED. IN FACT, THE FINAL CONFERENCE REPORT DOES REFLECT VOTING ON THE IRAQI RECOMMENDATIONS.

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